CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1136126

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-06-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsiduary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Activities: Religious activities by supporting the 21 churches in the Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Staffordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£886,247	£340,648	£1,348,350	2
2023-08-31	£245,302	£257,392	-	-
2022-08-31	£311,954	£331,640	-	-
2021-08-31	£324,731	£338,098	-	-
2020-08-31	£326,115	£330,169	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Samantha Hagerman	Chair	2023-09-01
ALBERT EDWARD HARGREAVES		
Alice Doorbar		2020-09-01
Alison Jane Ely		2020-09-01
Andrew Clive Mayne		2022-12-15
Andrew Richard Tropman		2020-09-01
BARBARA SIGLEY		
BERYL EILEEN LOVELL		
Barbara Brooks		2018-09-01
Barry Tointon		2017-09-13
CAROL HODSON		
CHRISTOPHER MILLS		2013-06-12
David Ryder		2020-09-01
David Seymour		2019-09-01
Deacon Susan Culver		2022-06-21
Delia Cowell		2020-09-01
Dorothy Burton		2022-03-15
ELAINE CROFT		
Elizabeth Dunning		2025-02-05
Eric Brooks		2020-09-01
Frederick Wright		2022-03-15
GERALDINE DIANE WILSON		
GILLIAN BOURNE		2013-12-06
IAN STRAUGHAN		2018-09-01
JOHN HODDINOTT		2017-03-23
JOSIE IRENE TURNER		
JUNE SCRIMGEOUR		

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Name	Role	Appointed
Janet Margaret Burns		2020-09-01
Jill Mary Baker		2021-03-01
KENNETH CHAPLIN		2011-06-08
Karen Lucy Brown		2026-06-10
Keith Rothery ACMA		
Lynda Gethin		2020-09-01
MARJORIE PATTISON		
MAVIS CLARKE		
MR DAVID HENSHAW		
MRS PAT BUDINGER		
MRS PAT JONES		2012-06-19
Margaret Strickland		2020-09-01
Marlene Beryl Wilcox		2022-03-15
Mary Elizabeth Gould		2020-09-01
Melody Jones		2022-06-21
NOREEN MARION JONES		
Neil Embrey		2020-09-01
PAT STONEHOUSE		
PAUL ROBERT BEAMAN		
Patricia Seymour		2020-07-01
ROBERT RYDER		
ROGER NEIL BAKER		
Richard Tudor Jones		2024-04-17
Shirley Mason		2020-09-01
TERENCE TRIGG		2013-12-05

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Accounts

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

(Charity Registration No. 1136126)

Circuit No. 28/08

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year ended 31 August 2024

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Introduction

Following the closure of two churches, Chase Terrace and Trinity Hednesford, in the year ended 31st August 2024, and at the start of this year two churches, Bourne, Heath Hayes and Trinity Norton Canes untied and became one at Norton Canes. The Circuit now consists of 16 churches on and around the geographical area in South Staffordshire known as Cannock Chase.

These churches are used primarily to provide places of Christian worship, education and fellowship for the people around those places. The buildings are also used to provide rooms for a varietv of communitv activities.

Aims and organisation

The Circuit exists to worship God, serve our communities and grow our churches.

Review of the year

During the year the ministers were Rev Samantha Hagerman (Superintendent), Rev Christopher Ambler, Deacon Susan Culver, and Rev Jacob Donkoh. The Rev Jacob Donkoh left the Circuit at 31st August 2024 and moved to work in another Methodist circuit, and he was replaced by Rev Elizabeth Dunning. There were also seven Supernumerary Ministers who assisted in the running of the Circuit and with the preaching. They are: John Bates, Helen Hoe, Christopher Parkes. Alan Jenkins. Deacon Janet Jenkins. Sheila Walker and Deacon Jan Sutton.

To assist the ministers with their work the Circuit employed 1 Lay Pastoral Assistant (until 20th June 2024) and 1 Circuit Administrator.

At the end of the year the Circuit had twenty eight fully accredited local preachers on the Plan of which seventeen are active and three local preachers on trial, none on note and there are thirteen worship leaders.

During the year, across the Circuit, there were approximately 210 Sunday services each quarter. These services are, in the main, conducted by the Ministerial Staff, Supernumerary Ministers, Local Preachers and some visiting preachers. On occasions when there are insufficient preachers available then local arrangements have to be made. To ease the difficulties of filling the preaching plan some churches are holding united services.

In addition to Sunday Services several of the churches in the circuit hold midweek services which are seen as relaxed and informal and in many cases attract a wider congregation from across the denominations.

Many of our churches are on occasions using other forms of service than the "traditional" style, e.g. "Messy Church", "Cafe Church". These alternative styles attract people from a wider section of the local communities.

Most of our churches have mid-week activities such as Women's meetings, Men's groups, Bible study groups, Prayer meetings or House groups.

Youth work is maintained in some of our churches with Youth Clubs and uniformed organisations such as Boys Brigades, Girls Brigade, Brownies, Guides.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessments paid by the circuit churches. The Assessments for the year 2023/24 had to be recalculated to take account of there being fewer churches in the Circuit and the new figures were agreed at a meeting of church treasurers and accepted by the Circuit Meeting.

The manse at Dundalk Lane continues to be let and provides rental income to the circuit. The manse at Chasetown, was also let until August 2024 when the Superintendent moved in. A decision has been made to sell the manse in Bideford Way, Cannock.

Expenditure trends

Stipends are increased each financial year in line with increases approved by the Methodist Conference. Stipends, national insurance and pension contributions were 42% of all expenditure.

£64,873 was Circuit's contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

£27,582 was spent on repairs and maintenance of the six manses

Fund balances

As a result of selling churches the net current assets of the Circuit rose substantally and were £674,570, at 31st August 2024

Plans for 2024/25

At the end of August 2025 the Rev Chris Ambler retires and it is unlikely the Circuit will get a replacement minister and therefore plans are being put in place to reorganise the Circuit with fewer ministers and churches.

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Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity:	Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit
Registration Charity Number:	1136126
Date of registration:	1st June 2010
Main communication address:	Mr Keith Rothery, 64 Thorpe Street, Burntwood, Staffordshire. WS7 1NJ

The members of the Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers	Rev Samantha Hagerman Deacon Susan Culver Rev Jacob Donkoh (until 31st August 2024) Rev Christopher Ambler
Circuit Lay Workers	Mr Mark Timothy (until 20th June 2024)
Circuit Stewards	Mrs Barbara Brooks Mrs Elaine Croft
Administrator	Mrs Barbara Brooks
Treasurer	Mr Keith Rothery who acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.
Independent Examiner	Elaine Glover A.C.M.A. Haywood Accounting Solutions Ltd 4 Coppenhall Mews Coppenhall Staffordshire. ST18 9BA
Investment Bankers	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Aims and organisation

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around the Cannock Chase for the Methodist Church:

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a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
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The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.
The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee and the Circuit Policy Committee.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following 16 Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:

Bethel, Bridgtown	Brereton	Burntwood
Cannock Wood	Chadsmoor	Chasetown
Featherstone	Great Wyrley	Handsacre
Mill Street, Cannock	Penkridge	Salem, Cheslyn Hay
St Paul's, Rugeley	St Stephen's, Cannock	
Trinity and Bourne, Norton Canes		Upper Landywood

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committee with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Cannock Chase Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Cannock Chase Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to six months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit — Circuit No 28/08

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023-24 £	Total 2022-23 £
Income								
1 Donations and legacies	4	40,736					**40,736**	**420**
2 Income from monetary investments	5	0	15,470		1,075		**16,545**	**3,920**
3 Income from investment properties	6	26,953					**26,953**	**13,480**
4 Assessments on Churches	7	238,770					**238,770**	**226,680**
5 Capital Receipts			562,822				**562,822**	**0**
6 Grants received							**0**	**0**
7 Other charitable income		420					**420**	**802**
8 **Total income**		**306,879**	**578,292**	**0**	**1,075**	**0**	**886,246**	**245,302**
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations	8						**0**	**1,000**
10 Salaries and associated costs	9	164,536					**164,536**	**148,512**
11 Property maintenance		50,600					**50,600**	**26,999**
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy							**0**	**0**
13 District Assessment & Levy	10	65,210	2,303				**67,513**	**64,707**
14 Depreciation							**0**	**0**
15 Office expenses	11	5,198					**5,198**	**3,034**
16 Other outgoings	12	52,531	269				**52,800**	**13,140**
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**338,075**	**2,572**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**340,647**	**257,392**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0	0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties								
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**(31,196)**	**575,720**	**0**	**1,075**	**0**	**545,599**	**(12,090)**
21 Transfers between funds		15,621	(15,621)				0	0
22 Other gains/(losses)								
23 **Net movement in funds**		**(15,575)**	**560,099**	**0**	**1,075**	**0**	**545,599**	**(12,090)**
24 Total funds brought forward		672,712	92,136	0	37,903	0	802,751	814,841
25 Total funds carried forward		**657,137**	**652,235**	**0**	**38,978**	**0**	**1,348,350**	**802,751**

Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit

Circuit No 28/08

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2024 £	Totals 2023 £
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	15	673,780					673,780	673,780
Investment properties							0	0
Investments	16						0	0
Total fixed assets		**673,780**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**673,780**	**673,780**
Current Assets								
Debtors	17	20,909					20,909	26,005
Loans by the Circuit		0					0	0
Investments with TMCP		2,412	652,235				654,647	94,548
Central Finance Board Deposits					18,899		18,899	34,589
Cash at Bank and in hand	17	21,312			20,079		41,391	28,510
Total current assets		**44,633**	**652,235**	**0**	**38,978**	**0**	**735,846**	**183,652**
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	18	61,276					61,276	54,681
Grants payable							0	0
Total current liabilities		**61,276**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**61,276**	**54,681**
Net current assets/liabilities		**-16,643**	**652,235**	**0**	**38,978**	**0**	**674,570**	**128,971**
Total assets less current liabilities		**657,137**	**652,235**	**0**	**38,978**	**0**	**1,348,350**	**802,751**
Long term liabilities								
Loans to the Circuit	20						0	
							0	
Net assets		**657,137**	**652,235**	**0**	**38,978**	**0**	**1,348,350**	**802,751**
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)	21	657,137					657,137	672,712
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	21		652,235				652,235	92,136
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds							**1,309,372**	**764,848**
Restricted Funds	21				38,978		38,978	37,903
Endowment Funds						0	0	0
Total Funds		**657,137**	**652,235**	**0**	**38,978**	**0**	**1,348,350**	**802,751**

Signed

Circuit Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose . There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.
The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors relate to the payment of the September stipend in August.

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

4. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£		£	£	£
Donations	855			855	420
Legacies - Funds from closed churches	39,881			39,881	0
Total	**40,736**	**0**	**0**	**40,736**	**420**

5. Investment income	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	Unrestricted	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	0		1,076	1,076	967
TMCP		15,470		15,470	2,953
Other	0			0	0
Total	**0**	**15,470**	**1,076**	**16,546**	**3,920**

6. Income from investment properties.	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	Unrestricted	£	£	£
Rent received from the letting of the empty manses	26,953			26,953	13,480
Asset sale receipts from the closed churches		562,822		562,822	0
	26,953	**562,822**	**0**	**629,656**	**13,480**

7. Assessments	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£
Bethel, Bridgtown	5,280	4,520
Bourne		
Brereton	6,400	5,480
Burntwood	21,560	18,440
Cannock Wood	3,090	3,520
Chadsmoor	26,560	22,720
Chase Terrace		
Chasetown	21,520	18,400
Featherstone	6,880	5,880
Florence Street		
Great Wyrley	14,080	12,040
Handsacre	8,520	7,280
Mill Street	3,960	3,400
Penkridge	25,840	22,080
Salem, Cheslyn Hay	20,240	20,240
St. Paul's	27,000	23,080
St. Stephen's	31,080	26,560
Trinity, Hednesford	0	18,720
Trinity and Bourne, Norton Canes	10,200	8,720
Upper Landywood	6,560	5,600
Total	**238,770**	**226,680**

8. Grants and Donations	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£		£	£	£
Handsacre M. C.				0	500
Upper Landywood M.C.				0	500
Total	0	0	0	0	1,000

9. Salaries & associated costs	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£
Ministers - Stipends	105,166	98,134
Pension Contribution	28,117	25,353
National Insurance	9,513	8,652
Lay Workers - Wages	21,740	16,373
Total	164,536	148,512
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	5	5

10. District Assessment & Levy	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£
Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District	62,570	60,432
URC Assessment	2,640	1,980
District Advance Fund	2,303	2,295
Total	67,513	64,707

11. Office Expenses	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£
Telephone and Internet	3,093	2,107
Printing, Postage and Stationery	2,105	927
	5,198	3,034

12 Other outgoings	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£
Travel Expenses - Ministers	8,898	3,689
Travel Expenses - Lay Workers	3,465	2,055
Supernumerary Preaching Allowances	1,103	715
Removal Expenses	0	0
Quinquennial Inspections	2,088	4,080
Church Closure Costs	16,241	0
Monies from closed churches given to churches taking their members	12,500	0
Miscellaneous	8,505	2,601
	52,800	13,140

13. Payment to Trustees

		This year	Last year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting	£	None	None
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		2	2
Nature of the expenses			
Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs			
Total amount paid	£	3,465	2,055

14. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£	350	235
Other fees (e.g.: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	0	0

15 Tangible Fixed Assets

Detail of assets held,
State number of manses, specifically reference other buildings managed by the circuit and separately identify property treated as investment property.
Provided summary information in respect of other categories and specific reference should be made in respect of any assets under construction

Cost or valuation

	Residential Land £	Other Land £	Six Manses £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward			673,780					673,780
Additions								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)								
Transfers * (+/-)								
Balance carried forward			673,780					673,780

Accumulated depreciation

**Basis			SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	
** Rate							

Balance brought forward								
Depreciation charge for year (-)								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)								
Transfers* (+/-)								
Balance carried forward								

Net book value

Brought forward	-	-	673,780	-	-	-	-	673,780
Carried forward	-	-	673,780	-	-	-	-	673,780

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.
** Indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, depreciation is based on the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, a percentage annual deduction is made each year.

16 Investments ***NONE***

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

		This year	Last Year
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange			
Investments held in common investment funds,			
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange			
Other investments			
	Total		

Change in investment values

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year			
Add: additions to investments at cost			
Less: disposals at carrying value			
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation			
Carrying (market) value at end of year			

17. Analysis of current assets

	This year	Last year
Debtors and prepayments	£	£
Pre paid Stipends	13,768	11,818
Accrued income		
Other debtors	7,141	14,187
Total debtors and prepayments	20,909	26,005

Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in HSBC Bank plc	41,391	28,510
Bank balance held in Methodist Chapel Aid		
Bank balance held in (Name of bank)		
Total Cash and Bank	41,391	28,510

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors	£ 13,046	8,201
Other Creditors (Assessments received in advance)	£ 48,230	46,480
Total Current Liabilities	£ 61,276	54,681

19. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2024 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2024.

20. Loans *NONE*

Source	Purpose of loan	Amount brought forward	New borrowings	Loan interest	Repayable in the year	Balance at year end
	Totals					X

Repayment due

									Totals
Due within 12 months	31/08/2025								
Due between 1 and 5 years	31/08/2026		31/08/2027		31/08/2028		31/08/2029		
Due later than 5 years									
									Y

Note: the two totals X and Y must agree

21. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
General	672,712	306,879	338,075	15,621	657,137	
Circuit Advance Fund	92,137	578,292	2,573	-15,621	652,235	
Totals	764,849	885,171	340,648		1,309,372	

Restricted Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Running Expenses	28,696	815			29,511	For reserve policy
Mission & Outreach	5,485	156			5,641	
Education Fund	3,721	105			3,826	
Totals	37,902	1,076			38,978	

Endowment Name	How the capital is invested	The current value of the capital	Annual income	What the income was used for
	Totals			

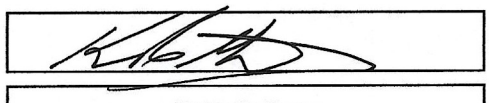
The reasons for the transfers between funds were as follows:

To replace funds expended on major repairs and refurbishment of three manses over the last two years

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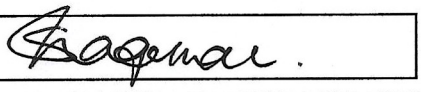
Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signature of Treasurer		Date	25 March 2025
Name of Treasurer	Keith Rothery		
Address	64 Thorpe Street, Burntwood, Staffordshire. WS7 1NJ		

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024, in draft form were presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on 5th February 2025, and the final accounts were emailed to Circuit Meeting members on 20th February 2025 for acceptance by them.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting	
Name of the Chair of the meeting	**Revd Samantha Hagerman**
Date	23.06.'25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31st August 2024 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than as disclosed below*)

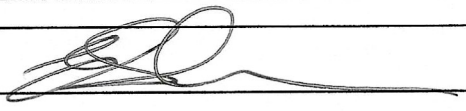
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(3) I have /~~have not*~~ obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date, via sight of bank statements and fund statements.

Name of independent examiner	Elaine Glover
Signature of independent examiner	

Relevant Professional qualification of independent examiner

A.C.M.A

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Haywood Accounting Solutions Ltd

Address

4 Coppenhall Mews, Coppenhall, Staffordshire. ST18 9BA

Date 16/6/2025

Elaine Glover A.C.M.A.
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CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

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Accounts

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

(Charity Registration No. 1136126)

Circuit No. 28/08

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year ended 31 August 2023

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Introduction

At the 1st September 2022 the Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit was made up of seventeen churches on and around the geographical area in South Staffordshire known as Cannock Chase. During the year two churches, Chase Terrace and Trinity Hednesford, ceased to meet for worship.

These churches are used primarily to provide places of Christian worship, education and fellowship for the people around those places. The buildings are also used to provide rooms for a variety of community activities.

Aims and organisation

The Circuit exists to worship God, serve our communities and grow our churches.

Review of the year

During the year the ministers were Rev Nigel Young (Superintendent), Rev Christopher Ambler, Deacon Susan Culver, and Rev Jacob Donkoh. The Rev Nigel Young retired at 31st August 2023 and left the circuit, and he was replaced by Rev Samantha Hagerman. There were also seven Supernumerary Ministers who assisted in the running of the Circuit and with the preaching. They are: John Bates, Helen Hoe, Christopher Parkes, Alan Jenkins, Deacon Janet Jenkins, Sheila Walker and Deacon Jan Sutton.

To assist the ministers with their work the Circuit employs 1 Lay Pastoral Assistant and 1 Circuit Administrator.

At the end of the year the Circuit had twenty eight fully accredited local preachers on the Plan of which eighteen are active and two local preachers on trial, none on note and there are fifteen worship leaders.

During the year, across the Circuit, there were approximately 230 Sunday services each quarter. These services are, in the main, conducted by the Ministerial Staff, Supernumerary Ministers, Local Preachers and some visiting preachers. On occasions when there are insufficient preachers available then local arrangements have to be made. To ease the difficulties of filling the preaching plan some churches are holding united services.

In addition to Sunday Services several of the churches in the circuit hold midweek services which are seen as relaxed and informal and in many cases attract a wider congregation from across the denominations.

Many of our churches are on occasions using other forms of service than the "traditional" style, e.g. "Messy Church", "Cafe Church". These alternative styles attract people from a wider section of the local communities.

Most of our churches have mid-week activities such as Women's meetings, Men's groups, Bible study groups, Prayer meetings or House groups.

Youth work is maintained in some of our churches with Youth Clubs and uniformed organisations such as Boys Brigades, Girls Brigade, Brownies, Guides.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. The Assessments for the year 2022/23 had to be recalculated to take account of being one minister down and two churches having closed.

The manse at Dundalk Lane continues to be let and provides rental income to the circuit. The manse at Chasetown, now having no minister, has also been let. During 2023/24 a decision will be taken about the sale of the manses that are not being used by circuit ministers.

Expenditure trends

Stipends are increased each financial year in line with increases approved by the Methodist Conference. Stipends, national insurance and pension contributions were 51.3% of all expenditure.

24.4% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

£10,712 was spent on repairs and maintenance of the six manses

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2023 the net current assets of the Circuit were £128,971, giving approximately 6 months cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2023/24

Once again the assessments had to be recalculated on fewer churches operating in the Circuit. This resulted in the continuing churches having to pay 17% more in their assessments.

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity:	Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit
Registration Charity Number:	1136126
Date of registration:	1st June 2010
Main communication address:	Mr Keith Rothery, 64 Thorpe Street, Burntwood, Staffordshire. WS7 1NJ

The members of the Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers	Rev Nigel J. Young (Retired 31st August 2023) Deacon Susan Culver Rev Jacob Donkoh Rev Christopher Ambler
Circuit Lay Workers	Mr Mark Timothy
Circuit Stewards	Mr Neil Embrey (until 31st December 2022) Mrs Kate Chapman Mrs Barbara Brooks Mr Graham Dunn
Administrator	Mrs Barbara Brooks (from 6th April 2023)
Treasurer	Mr Keith Rothery who acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.
Independent Examiner	Elaine Glover A.C.M.A. Haywood Accounting Solutions Ltd 4 Coppenhall Mews Coppenhall Staffordshire. ST18 9BA
Investment Bankers	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Aims and organisation

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around the Cannock Chase for the Methodist Church:

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.
The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee and the Circuit Policy Committee.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following 17 Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:

Bethel, Bridgtown	Brereton	Burntwood
Cannock Wood	Chadsmoor	Chasetown
Featherstone	Great Wyrley	Handsacre
Mill Street, Cannock	Penkridge	Salem, Cheslyn Hay
St Paul's, Rugeley	St Stephen's, Cannock	Trinity, Hednesford
Trinity, Norton Canes	Upper Landywood	

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committee with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Cannock Chase Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Cannock Chase Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to six months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit — Circuit No 28/08

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Income								
1 Donations and legacies	4	420					**420**	**179**
2 Income from monetary investments	5	968	2,876		76		**3,920**	**586**
3 Income from investment properties	6	13,480					**13,480**	**10,209**
4 Assessments on Churches	7	226,680					**226,680**	**300,630**
5 Capital Receipts							**0**	**0**
6 Grants received							**0**	**0**
7 Other charitable income		802					**802**	**350**
8 **Total income**		**242,350**	**2,876**	**0**	**76**	**0**	**245,302**	**311,954**
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations	8	500			500		**1,000**	**200**
10 Salaries and associated costs	9	148,512					**148,512**	**208,660**
11 Property maintenance		26,999					**26,999**	**40,269**
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy							**0**	**0**
13 District Assessment & Levy	10	62,412	2,295				**64,707**	**63,757**
14 Depreciation							**0**	**0**
15 Office expenses	11	3,034					**3,034**	**4,655**
16 Other outgoings	12	12,878	262				**13,140**	**14,099**
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**254,335**	**2,557**	**0**	**500**	**0**	**257,392**	**331,640**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0	0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties								
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**(11,985)**	**319**	**0**	**(424)**	**0**	**(12,090)**	**(19,686)**
21 Transfers between funds							0	0
22 Other gains/(losses)								
23 **Net movement in funds**		**(11,985)**	**319**	**0**	**(424)**	**0**	**(12,090)**	**(19,686)**
24 Total funds brought forward		684,697	91,817	0	38,327	0	814,841	834,527
25 Total funds carried forward		**672,712**	**92,136**	**0**	**37,903**	**0**	**802,751**	**814,841**

Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit

Circuit No 28/08

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2023 £	Totals 2022 £
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	15	673,780					673,780	673,780
Investment properties							0	0
Investments	16						0	0
Total fixed assets		**673,780**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**673,780**	**673,780**
Current Assets								
Debtors	17	26,005					26,005	16,914
Loans by the Circuit		0					0	0
Investments with TMCP		2,412	92,136				94,548	94,232
Central Finance Board Deposits					34,589		34,589	28,751
Cash at Bank and in hand	17	25,196			3,314		28,510	51,090
Total current assets		**53,613**	**92,136**	**0**	**37,903**	**0**	**183,652**	**190,987**
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	18	54,681					54,681	49,926
Grants payable							0	0
Total current liabilities		**54,681**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**54,681**	**49,926**
Net current assets/liabilities		**-1,068**	**92,136**	**0**	**37,903**	**0**	**128,971**	**141,061**
Total assets less current liabilities		**672,712**	**92,136**	**0**	**37,903**	**0**	**802,751**	**814,841**
Long term liabilities								
Loans to the Circuit	20						**0**	
							0	
Net assets		**672,712**	**92,136**	**0**	**37,903**	**0**	**802,751**	**814,841**
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)	21	672,712					672,712	684,697
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	21		92,136				92,136	91,817
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds							**764,848**	**776,514**
Restricted Funds	21				37,903		37,903	38,327
Endowment Funds						0	0	0
Total Funds		**672,712**	**92,136**	**0**	**37,903**	**0**	**802,751**	**814,841**

Signed

Circuit Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose . There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.
The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors relate to the payment of the September stipend in August.

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

4. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Donations	420			420	179
Legacies	0			0	0
Total	**420**	**0**	**0**	**420**	**179**

5. Investment income	Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Central Finance Board	891		76	967	145
TMCP	77	2,876		2,953	441
Other	0			0	0
Total	**968**	**2,876**	**76**	**3,920**	**586**

6. Income from investment properties.	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Rent received from the letting of the empty manse at 53 Dundalk Lane	13,480	10,209

7. Assessments	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Bethel, Bridgtown	4,520	5,800
Bourne		3,710
Brereton	5,480	7,040
Burntwood	18,440	23,680
Cannock Wood	3,520	4,520
Chadsmoor	22,720	29,160
Chase Terrace		6,660
Chasetown	18,400	23,600
Featherstone	5,880	7,520
Florence Street		100
Great Wyrley	12,040	15,440
Handsacre	7,280	9,360
Mill Street	3,400	5,450
Penkridge	22,080	28,340
Salem, Cheslyn Hay	20,240	25,980
St. Paul's	23,080	29,600
St. Stephen's	26,560	34,060
Trinity, Hednesford	18,720	24,040
Trinity, Norton Canes	8,720	11,200
Upper Landywood	5,600	5,370
Total	**226,680**	**300,630**

8. Grants and Donations	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£		£	£	£
Tear Fund	0			0	200
Handsacre M. C.			500	500	0
Upper Landywood M.C.	500			500	0
Total	500	0	500	1,000	200

9. Salaries & associated costs	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£
Ministers - Stipends	98,134	133,221
Pension Contribution	25,353	34,733
National Insurance	8,652	12,492
Lay Workers - Wages	16,373	28,214
Total	148,512	208,660
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	5	10

10. District Assessment & Levy	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£
Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District	60,432	60,051
URC Assessment	1,980	2,350
District Advance Fund	2,295	1,356
Total	64,707	63,757

11. Office Expenses	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£
Telephone and Internet	2,107	3,583
Printing, Postage and Stationery	927	1,072
	3,034	4,655

12 Other outgoings	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£
Travel Expenses - Ministers	3,689	3,914
Travel Expenses - Lay Workers	2,055	553
Supernumerary Preaching Allowances	715	1,247
Removal Expenses	0	0
Quinquennial Inspections	4,080	5,352
Miscellaneous	2,601	3,033
	13,140	14,099

13. Payment to Trustees

		This year	Last year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting	£	None	None
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		2	6
Nature of the expenses			
Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs			
Total amount paid	£	2,055	553

14. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£	235	235
Other fees (e.g.: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	0	0

15 Tangible Fixed Assets

Detail of assets held,
State number of manses, specifically reference other buildings managed by the circuit and separately identify property treated as investment property.
Provided summary information in respect of other categories and specific reference should be made in respect of any assets under construction

Cost or valuation

	Residential Land £	Other Land £	Six Manses £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward			673,780					673,780
Additions								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)								
Transfers * (+/-)								
Balance carried forward			673,780					673,780

Accumulated depreciation

**Basis			SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	
** Rate							
Balance brought forward							
Depreciation charge for year (-)							
Revaluations (+/-)							
Disposals (-)							
Transfers* (+/-)							
Balance carried forward							

Net book value

Brought forward	-	-	673,780	-	-	-	-	673,780
Carried forward	-	-	673,780	-	-	-	-	673,780

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.
** Indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, depreciation is based on the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, a percentage annual deduction is made each year.

16 Investments ***NONE***

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

		This year	Last Year
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange			
Investments held in common investment funds,			
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange			
Other investments			
	Total		

Change in investment values

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year			
Add: additions to investments at cost			
Less: disposals at carrying value			
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation			
Carrying (market) value at end of year			

17. Analysis of current assets

	This year	Last year
Debtors and prepayments	£	£
Pre paid Stipends	11,818	10,991
Accrued income		
Other debtors	14,187	5,923
Total debtors and prepayments	26,005	16,914

Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in HSBC Bank plc	28,510	51,090
Bank balance held in Methodist Chapel Aid		
Bank balance held in (Name of bank)		
Total Cash and Bank	28,510	51,090

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

	£	
Trade Creditors	8,201	6,956
	£	
Other Creditors (Assessments received in advance)	46,480	42,970
	£	
Total Current Liabilities	54,681	49,926

19. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2023 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2023.

20. Loans ***NONE***

Source	Purpose of loan	Amount brought forward	New borrowings	Loan interest	Repayable in the year	Balance at year end
	Totals					X

Repayment due

									Totals
Due within 12 months	31/08/2023								
Due between 1 and 5 years	31/08/2024		31/08/2025		31/08/2026		31/08/2027		
Due later than 5 years									
									Y

Note: the two totals X and Y must agree

21. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
General	684,697	242,351	254,336		672,712	
Circuit Advance Fund	91,817	2,876	2,556		92,137	
Totals	776,514	245,227	256,892		764,849	

Restricted Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Running Expenses	28,640	56			28,696	For reserve policy
Mission & Outreach	5,973	12	500		5,485	
Education Fund	3,714	7			3,721	
Totals	38,327	75	500		37,902	

Endowment Name	How the capital is invested	The current value of the capital	Annual income	What the income was used for
	Totals			

The reasons for the transfers between funds were as follows:

To replace funds expended on major repairs and refurbishment of three manses over the last two years

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signature of Treasurer  Date 06 February 2024

Name of Treasurer Keith Rothery

Address 64 Thorpe Street, Burntwood, Staffordshire. WS7 1NJ

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on 6th February 2024

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting **Revd Samantha Hagerman**

Date **06 February 2024**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31st August 2023 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than as disclosed below*)

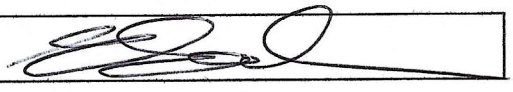
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(3) I have /~~have not*~~ obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date, via sight of bank statements and fund statements.

Name of independent examiner	Elaine Glover
Signature of independent examiner	

Relevant Professional qualification of independent examiner

A.C.M.A

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Haywood Accounting Solutions Ltd

Address

4 Coppenhall Mews, Coppenhall, Staffordshire. ST18 9BA

Date 24/4/2024

Elaine Glover A.C.M.A.
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CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

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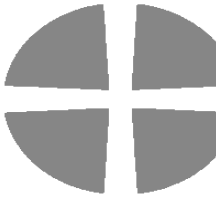
CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCU

(Charity Registration No. 1136126)

Circuit No. 28/08

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year ended 31 August 2022



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CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Introduction

At the 1st September 2021 the Cannock Chase Circuit was made up of twenty churches on and around the geographical area in South Staffordshire known as Cannock Chase. During the year one church, Florence Street, ceased to meet for worship and Bourne joined with Trinity Norton Canes to operate as one church.

These churches are used primarily to provide places of Christian worship, education and fellowship for the people around those places. The buildings are also used to provide rooms for a variety of community activities.

Aims and organisation

The Circuit exists to worship God, serve our communities and grow our churches.

Review of the year

Our churches, during the Covid pandemic, have lost members and letting revenues which had a major impact on income. Each church had to reassess their activities and have started to regain their letting income. Some churches continued to offer their Sunday worship by Zoom. We also lost preachers, either by death or by them feeling they are unable to continue. This has resulted in many service being carried out by the Church stewards and lay workers.

During the year the ministers were Rev Nigel Young (Superintendent), Rev Christopher Ambler, Deacon Susan Culver, Rev Jacob Donkoh, and Rev Margaret Eales. The Rev Margaret Eales retired at 31st August 2022 and left the circuit.

To assist the ministers with their work the Circuit employs 4 Lay Pastoral Assistants and 1 Circuit Administrator. However 3 Lay Pastoral Assistants and the Administrator terminated their employment. It was decided to continue, for the time being, with only one Lay Pastoral Assistant. A new Circuit Administrator was employed but was unsatisfactory and her contract was terminated and we still seek a replacement.

At the end of the year the Circuit had thirty fully accredited local preachers on the Plan of which twenty are active and one local preacher on trial, none on note and there are twenty worship leaders.

Under normal circumstances there is, across the Circuit, on average approximately 230 Sunday services each quarter. These services are, in the main, conducted by the Ministerial Staff, Supernumerary Ministers, Local Preachers and some visiting preachers. On occasions when there are insufficient preachers available then local arrangements have to be made.

In addition to Sunday Services several of the churches in the circuit hold midweek services which are seen as relaxed and informal and in many cases attract a wider congregation from across the denominations.

Many of our churches are on occasions using other forms of service than the "traditional" style, e.g. "Messy Church", "Cafe Church". These alternative styles attract people from a wider section of the local communities.

Most of our churches have mid-week activities such as Women's meetings, Men's groups, Bible study groups, Prayer meetings or House groups.

Youth work is maintained in many of our churches with Youth Clubs and uniformed organisations such as Boys Brigades, Girls Brigade, Brownies, Guides, St John Ambulance Cadets.

During the year Miss Ellyn Cruxton was employed as Church and Community Lay Worker for St Paul's and Handsacre churches. The total cost of this is being met by those two churches. Her employment terminated on the 30th April 2022.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. The Assessments for the year 2021/22 were the same amounts as for 2020/21. All but two of the churches paid their assessment in full.

The manse at Dundalk Lane continues to be let and provides rental income to the circuit.

Expenditure trends

Stipends are increased each financial year in line with increases approved by the Methodist Conference. Stipends, national insurance and pension contributions were 54.4% of all expenditure.

18.8% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

£23,431 was spent on repairs and maintenance of the six manses

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2022 the net current assets of the Circuit were £141,061, giving approximately 5 months cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2022/23

Budgets have been calculated on being one minister short and three churches closed. To assist the churches at this difficult time it was agreed to take £10,000 out of Circuit reserves to help with the assessments.

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity:	Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit
Registration Charity Number:	1136126
Date of registration:	1st June 2010
Main communication address:	Mr Keith Rothery, 64 Thorpe Street, Burntwood, Staffordshire. WS7 1NJ

The members of the Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers	Rev Nigel J. Young	
	Deacon Susan Culver	
	Rev Jacob Donkoh	
	Rev Margaret Eales	(until 31st August 202
	Rev Christopher Ambler	
Circuit Lay Workers	Mrs Karen Lowther	(until 30th April 2022)
	Miss Ellyn Cruxton	(until 30th April 2022)
	Mr Mark Timothy	
	Ms Rosemary Bryant	(until 31st January 2022
	Mrs Melody Jones	(until 31st January 2022)
Circuit Stewards	Mr Neil Embrey	
	Mrs Kate Chapman	
	Mrs Barbara Brooks	
	Mr Graham Dunn	
Administrator	Mrs Tracey Clay (from 11th January 2022 to 16th June 202	
	Currently vacant	
Treasurer	Mr Keith Rothery who acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.	
Independent Examiner	Elaine Glover A.C.M.A. Haywood Accounting Solutions Ltd	

	4 Coppenhall Mews Coppenhall Staffordshire. ST18 9BA
Investment Bankers	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

Aims and organisation

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around the Cannock Chase for the Methodist Church:

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have
been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.
The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

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Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee and the Circuit Policy Committee.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following 18 Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:

Bethel, Bridgtown	Brereton	Burntwood

Cannock Wood	Chadsmoor	Chase Terrace
Chasetown	Featherstone	Great Wyrley
Handsacre	Mill Street, Cannock	Penkridge
Salem, Cheslyn Hay	St Paul's, Rugeley	St Stephen's, Cannock
Trinity, Hednesford	Trinity, Norton Canes	Upper Landywood

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committee with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Cannock Chase Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Cannock Chase Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to six months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit — Circuit No 28/08

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

		Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
			£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income									
1	Donations and legacies	4	179					**179**	**4,450**
2	Income from monetary investments	5	**73**	**430**		83		**586**	**529**
3	Income from investment properties	6	10,209					**10,209**	**8,207**
4	Assessments on Churches	7	300,630					**300,630**	**311,545**
5	Capital Receipts							**0**	**0**
6	Grants received							**0**	**0**
7	Other charitable income		350					**350**	**0**
8	**Total income**		**311,441**	**430**	**0**	**83**	**0**	**311,954**	**324,731**
Expenditure									
9	Grants and donations	8	200					**200**	**600**
10	Salaries and associated costs	9	208,660					**208,660**	**225,901**
11	Property maintenance		40,269					**40,269**	**25,645**
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy							**0**	**0**
13	District Assessment & Levy	10	61,407	2,350				**63,757**	**67,207**
14	Depreciation							**0**	**0**
15	Office expenses	11	4,655					**4,655**	**7,988**
16	Other outgoings	12	13,831	268				**14,099**	**10,757**
17	**Total charitable expenditure**		**329,022**	**2,618**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**331,640**	**338,098**
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0	0
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties								
20	**Net income/(expenditure)**		**(17,581)**	**(2,188)**	**0**	**83**	**0**	**(19,686)**	**(13,367)**
21	Transfers between funds							0	0
22	Other gains/(losses)								
23	**Net movement in funds**		**(17,581)**	**(2,188)**	**0**	**83**	**0**	**(19,686)**	**(13,367)**
24	Total funds brought forward		702,278	94,005	0	38,244	0	834,527	847,894
25	**Total funds carried forward**		**684,697**	**91,817**	**0**	**38,327**	**0**	**814,841**	**834,527**

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Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2016

	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals this year £	Previous year totals £
Income						
1 Assessment on Churches					0	#REF!
2 Capital Receipts					0	#REF!
3 Interest and Investment Income					0	#REF!
4 Grants received					0	#REF!
5 Lettings					0	#REF!
6 Event Income					0	#REF!
7 Internal Organisations					0	#REF!
8 Other Income					0	#REF!
9					0	#REF!
10 **Total Income**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**#REF!**
Expenditure on charitable activities						
11 Stipends, salaries, NIC & Pension costs					0	#REF!
12 District Assessment					0	#REF!
13 Methodist Church Fund					0	#REF!
14 Telephone & travel					0	#REF!
15 Insurance, utilities, etc					0	#REF!
16 Maintenance on manses					0	#REF!
17 Expenditure on other Circuit property					0	#REF!
18 Depreciation					0	#REF!
19 Provisions					0	#REF!
20 Other Expenditure					0	#REF!
21 Grants and Donations					0	#REF!
22 Contributions to District Advance Fund					0	#REF!
23 Internal organisations					0	0
24 **Total Resources Expended**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**#REF!**
25 **Net Incoming Resources**	0	0	0	0	0	#REF!
26 Transfers between funds	0	0	0			
27 **Sub total**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**#REF!**
28 Gains and losses on investment assets	287,000				287,000	#REF!
29 **Net investment in funds**	287,000	0	0	0	287,000	#REF!
30 Total funds brought forward	1,536,737	366	215,256	0	1,752,359	#REF!
31 Total funds carried forward at end of year	**1,823,737**	**366**	**215,256**	**0**	**2,039,359**	**#REF!**

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year		
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	**115**	1784
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	**115**	1784
Balance carried forward	**0**	**0**

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2022 £	Totals 2021 £
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	15	673,780					673,780	673,780
Investment properties							0	0
Investments	16						0	0
Total fixed assets		**673,780**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**673,780**	**673,780**
Current Assets								
Debtors	17	16,914					16,914	18,473
Loans by the Circuit		0					0	0
Investments with TMCP		2,415	91,817				94,232	96,417
Central Finance Board Deposits					28,751		28,751	70,584
Cash at Bank and in hand	17	41,514			9,576		51,090	47,354
Total current assets		**60,843**	**91,817**	**0**	**38,327**	**0**	**190,987**	**232,828**
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	18	49,926					49,926	72,081
Grants payable within 2021-22							0	0
Total current liabilities		**49,926**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**49,926**	**72,081**
Net current assets/liabilities		**10,917**	**91,817**	**0**	**38,327**	**0**	**141,061**	**160,747**
Total assets less current liabilities		**684,697**	**91,817**	**0**	**38,327**	**0**	**814,841**	**834,527**
Long term liabilities								
Grants payable after 2021-22							**0**	
Loans to the Circuit	20						**0**	
							0	
Net assets		**684,697**	**91,817**	**0**	**38,327**	**0**	**814,841**	**834,527**
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)	21	684,697					684,697	702,278
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	21		91,817				91,817	94,005
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds							**776,514**	**796,283**
Restricted Funds	21				**38,327**		38,327	**38,244**
Endowment Funds						**0**	0	**0**
Total Funds		**684,697**	**91,817**	**0**	**38,327**	**0**	**814,841**	**834,527**

Signed

Circuit Treasurer

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of A
Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordanc
Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Mo
purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narro
also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these
be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their mark
year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resource
reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliabil

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being
recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or construc
the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit a
or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.
The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values. No depreciation is provided on the buildin
consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its
year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been revi

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the
and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors relate to the payment of the September stipend in August.

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

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4. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted £	2022 Total £
Donations	179			**179**
Legacies	0			**0**
Total	**179**	**0**	**0**	**179**

5. Investment income	Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Restricted £	2022 Total £
Central Finance Board	62		83	**145**
TMCP	11	430		**441**
Other	0			**0**
Total	**73**	**430**	**83**	**586**

6. Income from investment properties.	2022 Total £
Rent received from the letting of the empty manse at 53 Dundalk Lane	**10,209**

7. Assessments	2022 Total £
Bethel, Bridgtown	**5,800**
Bourne	**3,710**
Brereton	**7,040**
Burntwood	**23,680**
Cannock Wood	**4,520**
Chadsmoor	**29,160**
Chase Terrace	**6,660**
Chasetown	**23,600**
Featherstone	**7,520**
Florence Street	**100**
Great Wyrley	**15,440**
Handsacre	**9,360**
Mill Street	**5,450**
Penkridge	**28,340**
Salem, Cheslyn Hay	**25,980**
St. Paul's	**29,600**
St. Stephen's	**34,060**
Trinity, Hednesford	**24,040**
Trinity, Norton Canes	**11,200**
Upper Landywood	**5,370**
Total	**300,630**

2021 Total £
4,450
4,450

2021 Total £
40
412
77
529

2021 Total £
8,207

2021 Total £
5,800
8,130
7,040
23,680
4,520
29,160
6,640
23,600
7,520
5,915
15,440
9,360
4,360
28,340
25,980
29,600
34,060
24,040
11,200
7,160
311,545

8. Grants and Donations	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2022 Total
	£		£	£
Tear Fund	200			**200**
Handsacre				**0**
Methodist Homes	0			**0**
Total	**200**	**0**	**0**	**200**

9. Salaries & associated costs	2022 Total
	£
Ministers - Stipends	**133,221**
Pension Contribution	**34,733**
National Insurance	**12,492**
Lay Workers - Wages	**28,214**
Total	**208,660**

Average number of staff employed during the year were: 10

10. District Assessment & Levy	2022 Total
	£
Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District	**60,051**
URC Assessment	**2,350**
District Advance Fund	**1,356**
Total	**63,757**

11. Office Expenses	2022 Total
	£
Telephone and Internet	**3,583**
Printing, Postage and Stationery	**1,072**
	4,655

12 Other outgoings	2022 Total
	£
Travel Expenses - Ministers	**3,914**
Travel Expenses - Lay Workers	**553**
Supernumerary Preaching Allowances	**1,247**
Removal Expenses	**0**
Quinquennial Inspections	**5,352**
Miscellaneous	**3,033**
	14,099

2021 Total £
0
500
100
600

2021 Total £
131,688
34,330
12,006
47,877
225,901

2021 Total £
60,520
2,800
3,887
67,207

2021 Total £
3,695
4,293
7,988

2021 Total £
1,662
1,981
225
0
5,472
1,417
10,757

13. Payment to Trustees

Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting £

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

Nature of the expenses

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

Total amount paid £

14. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner’s or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts £

Other fees (e.g.: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor £

	This year	Last year
	None	None
	6	6
	553	1,981
	235	235
	0	0

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

15 Tangible Fixed Assets

Detail of assets held,
State number of manses, specifically reference other buildings managed by the circuit and separat investment property.
Provided summary information in respect of other categories and specific reference should be mad construction.

Cost or valuation

	Residential Land £	Other Land £	Six Manses £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £
Balance brought forward			673,780		0	
Additions						
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	0	0	673,780	0	0	0
Accumulated depreciation						
****Basis**			SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB
**** Rate**						
Balance brought forward						
Depreciation charge for year (-)						
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net book value						
Brought forward	-	-	673,780	-	-	-
Carried forward	-	-	673,780	-	-	-

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also indicate the straight line, depreciation is based on the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, a percentage annual deduction is m

ely identify property treated as
e in respect of any assets under

Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
	673,780
	0
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0	673,780

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-	673,780
-	673,780

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16 Investments ***NONE***

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses Fund are held by TMC
Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regar
and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, inclu
Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Ma
who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that,
providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with c
Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

		This year
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Investments held in common investment funds,		
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Other investments		
	Total	0

Change in investment values

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year		
Add: additions to investments at cost		
Less: disposals at carrying value		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation		
Carrying (market) value at end of year		0

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17. Analysis of current assets

Debtors and prepayments

Pre paid Stipends	
Accrued income	
Other debtors	
Total debtors and prepayments	

Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in HSBC Bank plc	
Bank balance held in Methodist Chapel Aid	
Bank balance held in (Name of bank)	
Total Cash and Bank	

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

	£
Trade Creditors	
Other Creditors (Assessments received in advance)	£
Total Current Liabilities	£

19. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2022 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2022.

	This year	Last year
	£	£
	10,991	14,931
	5,923	3,542
	16,914	18,473
	51,090	47,354
	0	0
	51,090	47,354
	6,956	11,046
	42,970	61,035
	49,926	72,081

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

20. Loans

NONE

Source	Purpose of loan	Amount brought forward	New borrowings	Loan interest
		0		
	Totals	0	0	0

Repayment due

Due within 12 months	31/08/2023						
Due between 1 and 5 years	31/08/2024		31/08/2025		31/08/2026		31/08/2027
Due later than 5 years							

Note: the two totals X and Y must agree

Repayable in the year	Balance at year end
	0
	0
	0
	0
0	0 X

Totals

	0
	0
	0 Y

21. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose
General	702,278	311,441	329,022		684,697	
Circuit Advance Fund	94,005	430	2,618		91,817	
					0	
Totals	796,283	311,871	331,640	0	776,514	

Restricted Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose
Running Expenses	28,578	62			28,640	For reserve policy
Mission & Outreach	5,960	13			5,973	
Education Fund	3,706	8			3,714	
					0	
					0	
Totals	38,244	83	0	0	38,327	

Endowment Name	How the capital is invested	The current value of the capital	Annual income
	Totals	0	0

The reasons for the transfers between funds were as follows:

To replace funds expended on major repairs and refurbishment of three manses over the last two years

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What the income was used for

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signature of Treasurer		Date	08 December 2022
Name of Treasurer	Keith Rothery		
Address	64 Thorpe Street, Burntwood, Staffordshire. WS7 1NJ		

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on 15th December 2022

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting	
Name of the Chair of the meeting	**Revd Nigel Young**
Date	###

Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of the

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31st August 2022 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than as disclosed below*)

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(3) I have /~~have not*~~ obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date, via sight of bank statements and fund statements.

Name of independent examiner	Elaine Glover
Signature of independent examiner	
Relevant Professional qualification of independent examiner	A.C.M.A
Name of firm (where appropriate)	Haywood Accounting Solutions Ltd
Address	4 Coppenhall Mews, Coppenhall, Staffordshire. ST18 9BA
Date	

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1136126

Accounts

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

(Charity Registration No. 1136126)

Circuit No. 28/08

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year ended 31 August 2021

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Introduction

The Cannock Chase Circuit was made up of twenty churches on and around the geographical area in South Staffordshire known as Cannock Chase.

These churches are used primarily to provide places of Christian worship, education and fellowship for the people around those places. The buildings are also used to provide rooms for a variety of community activities.

Aims and organisation

The Circuit exists to worship God, serve our communities and grow our churches.

Review of the year

The world has seen unprecedented events this year because of the Covid-19 pandemic and Cannock Chase Methodist Church has been no exception. When the Government introduced a total lockdown from the 23rd March 2020 all our churches closed their doors for worship and all activities. Several of our churches offered worship by Zoom, a video conferencing service, or by YouTube or by telephone conference service. Most of our churches returned to worship in the buildings in August 2021.

The Rev Edward Sakwe left the Circuit in August 2020 and he was replaced by the Rev Christopher Ambler. Therefore from the 1st September 2020 the ministers are Rev Nigel Young (Superintendent), Rev Christopher Ambler, Deacon Susan Culver, Rev Jacob Donkoh, and Rev Margaret Eales.

To assist the ministers with their work the Circuit employs 4 Lay Pastoral Assistants and 1 Circuit Administrator.

The Circuit had thirty four fully accredited local preachers on the Plan of which twenty one are active and there are two local preachers on trial, none on note and there are twenty-three worship leaders.

Under normal circumstances there is, across the Circuit, on average approximately 312 Sunday services each quarter. These services are, in the main, conducted by the Ministerial Staff, Supernumerary Ministers, Local Preachers and some visiting preachers. On occasions when there are insufficient preachers available then local arrangements have to be made.

In addition to Sunday Services several of the churches in the circuit hold midweek services which are seen as relaxed and informal and in many cases attract a wider congregation from across the denominations.

Many of our churches are on occasions using other forms of service than the "traditional" style, e.g. "Messy Church", "Cafe Church". These alternative styles attract people from a wider section of the local communities.

Most of our churches have mid-week activities such as Women's meetings, Men's groups, Bible study groups, Prayer meetings or House groups.

Youth work is maintained in many of our churches with Youth Clubs and uniformed organisations such as Boys Brigades, Girls Brigade, Brownies, Guides, St John Ambulance Cadets.

During the year Miss Ellyn Cruxton was employed as Church and Community Lay Worker for St Paul's and Handsacre churches. The total cost of this is being met by those two churches.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. The Assessments for the year 2020/21 were the same amounts as for 2019/20. All but two of the churches paid their assessment in full.

The manse at Dundalk Lane continues to be let and provides rental income to the circuit.

Expenditure trends

Stipends are increased each financial year in line with increases approved by the Methodist Conference. Stipends, national insurance and pension contributions were 52.65% of all expenditure.

19.0% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

£9,477 was spent on repairs and maintenance of the six manses

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2021 the net current assets of the Circuit were £160,747, giving approximately 6 months cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2021/22

With the uncertainty of the impact of the Covid-19 lockdown upon the churches and the Circuit as whole, the assessments have not been changed. It is hoped that by early 2022 we will have a clearer picture of the future and a more accurate budget can be made for the year 2022/23.

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity:	Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit
Registration Charity Number:	1136126
Date of registration:	1st June 2010
Main communication address:	Mr Keith Rothery, 64 Thorpe Street, Burntwood, Staffordshire. WS7 1NJ

The members of the Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers	Rev Nigel J. Young	
	Deacon Susan Culver	
	Rev Jacob Donkoh	
	Rev Margaret Eales	
	Rev Christopher Ambler	(from 1st September 2020)
Circuit Lay Workers	Mrs Karen Lowther	
	Miss Ellyn Cruxton	
	Mr Mark Timothy	
	Ms Rosemary Bryant	
	Mrs Melody Jones	
Circuit Stewards	Mr Graham Lowther	
	Mr Neil Embrey	
	Mrs Kate Chapman	
	Mrs Barbara Brooks	
Administrator	Mrs June Scrimgeour	
Treasurer	Mr Keith Rothery who acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.	
Independent Examiner	Elaine Glover A.C.M.A. Haywood Accounting Solutions Ltd 4 Coppenhall Mews Coppenhall Staffordshire. ST18 9BA	
Investment Bankers	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	

Aims and organisation

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around the Cannock Chase for the Methodist Church:

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have
been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.
The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee and the Circuit Policy Committee.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following 20 Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:

Bethel, Bridgtown	Bourne, Heath Hayes	Brereton
Burntwood	Cannock Wood	Chadsmoor
Chase Terrace	Chasetown	Featherstone
Florence St. Hednesford	Great Wyrley	Handsacre
Mill Street, Cannock	Penkridge	Salem, Cheslyn Hay
St Paul's, Rugeley	St Stephen's, Cannock	Trinity, Hednesford
Trinity, Norton Canes	Upper Landywood	

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committee with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Cannock Chase Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Cannock Chase Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to six months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit — Circuit No 28/08

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020-21 £	Total 2019-20 £
Income								
1 Donations and legacies	4	4,450					**4,450**	**680**
2 Income from monetary investments	5	92	404		33		**529**	**1,501**
3 Income from investment properties	6	8,207					**8,207**	**8,394**
4 Assessments on Churches	7	311,545					**311,545**	**315,540**
5 Capital Receipts							**0**	**0**
6 Grants received							**0**	**0**
7 Other charitable income							**0**	**0**
8 **Total income**		**324,294**	**404**	**0**	**33**	**0**	**324,731**	**326,115**
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations	8	600					**600**	**9,300**
10 Salaries and associated costs	9	225,901					**225,901**	**203,406**
11 Property maintenance		25,645					**25,645**	**30,417**
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy							**0**	**0**
13 District Assessment & Levy	10	63,320	3,887				**67,207**	**67,415**
14 Depreciation							**0**	**0**
15 Office expenses	11	7,988					**7,988**	**5,381**
16 Other outgoings	12	10,501	256				**10,757**	**14,250**
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**333,955**	**4,143**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**338,098**	**330,169**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0	0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties								
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**(9,661)**	**(3,739)**	**0**	**33**	**0**	**(13,367)**	**(4,054)**
21 Transfers between funds		30,000	(30,000)				0	0
22 Other gains/(losses)								
23 **Net movement in funds**		**20,339**	**(33,739)**	**0**	**33**	**0**	**(13,367)**	**(4,054)**
24 Total funds brought forward		681,939	127,744	0	38,211	0	847,894	851,948
25 Total funds carried forward		**702,278**	**94,005**	**0**	**38,244**	**0**	**834,527**	**847,894**

Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit **Circuit No 28/08**

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2021 £	Totals 2020 £
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	15	673,780					673,780	673,780
Investment properties							0	0
Investments	16						0	0
Total fixed assets		**673,780**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**673,780**	**673,780**
Current Assets								
Debtors	17	18,473					18,473	19,460
Loans by the Circuit		0					0	0
Investments with TMCP		2,412	94,005				96,417	130,156
Central Finance Board Deposits		32,340			38,244		70,584	39,272
Cash at Bank and in hand	17	47,354					47,354	49,355
Total current assets		**100,579**	**94,005**	**0**	**38,244**	**0**	**232,828**	**238,243**
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	18	72,081					72,081	64,129
Grants payable within 2019-20							0	0
Total current liabilities		72,081	0	0	0	0	**72,081**	64,129
Net current assets/liabilities		**28,498**	**94,005**	**0**	**38,244**	**0**	**160,747**	**174,114**
Total assets less current liabilities		**702,278**	**94,005**	**0**	**38,244**	**0**	**834,527**	**847,894**
Long term liabilities								
Grants payable after 2019-20							**0**	
Loans to the Circuit	20						**0**	
							0	
Net assets		**702,278**	**94,005**	**0**	**38,244**	**0**	**834,527**	**847,894**
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)	21	702,278					702,278	681,939
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	21		94,005				94,005	127,744
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds							**796,283**	**809,683**
Restricted Funds	21				38,244		38,244	38,211
Endowment Funds						0	0	0
Total Funds		**702,278**	**94,005**	**0**	**38,244**	**0**	**834,527**	**847,894**

Signed

Circuit Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose . There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.
The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors relate to the payment of the September stipend in August.

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

4. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£		£	£	£
Donations	4,450			4,450	680
Legacies	0			0	
Total	**4,450**	**0**	**0**	**4,450**	**680**

5. Investment income	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£		£	£	£
Central Finance Board	7		33	40	288
TMCP	8	404		412	1,116
Other	77			77	97
Total	**92**	**404**	**33**	**529**	**1,501**

6. Income from investment properties.	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£
Rent received from the letting of the empty manse at 53 Dundalk Lane	8,207	8,394

7. Assessments	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£
Bethel, Bridgtown	5,800	5,800
Bourne	8,130	10,840
Brereton	7,040	7,040
Burntwood	23,680	23,680
Cannock Wood	4,520	4,520
Chadsmoor	29,160	29,160
Chase Terrace	6,640	6,640
Chasetown	23,600	23,600
Featherstone	7,520	7,520
Florence Street	5,915	7,200
Great Wyrley	15,440	15,440
Handsacre	9,360	9,360
Mill Street	4,360	4,360
Penkridge	28,340	28,340
Salem, Cheslyn Hay	25,980	25,980
St. Paul's	29,600	29,600
St. Stephen's	34,060	34,060
Trinity, Hednesford	24,040	24,040
Trinity, Norton Canes	11,200	11,200
Upper Landywood	7,160	7,160
Total	**311,545**	**315,540**

8. Grants and Donations	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£		£	£	£
Bourne, Heath Hayes	0			0	3,500
Featherstone	0			0	5,000
Handsacre	500			500	0
Methodist Homes	100			100	0
Leaving Gifts	0			0	800
Total	**600**	**0**	**0**	**600**	**9,300**

9. Salaries & associated costs	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£
Ministers - Stipends	131,688	128,151
Pension Contribution	34,330	33,426
National Insurance	12,006	11,615
Lay Workers - Wages	47,877	30,214
Total	**225,901**	**203,406**
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	10	8

10. District Assessment & Levy	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£
Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District	60,520	60,667
URC Assessment	2,800	2,700
District Advance Fund	3,887	4,048
Total	**67,207**	**67,415**

11. Office Expenses	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£
Telephone and Internet	3,695	3,435
Printing, Postage and Stationery	4,293	1,946
	7,988	5,381

12 Other outgoings	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£
Travel Expenses - Ministers	1,662	4,892
Travel Expenses - Lay Workers	1,981	2,164
Supernumerary Preaching Allowances	225	2,016
Removal Expenses	0	1,710
Quinquennial Inspections	5,472	0
Miscellaneous	1,417	3,468
	10,757	14,250

13. Payment to Trustees

		This year	Last year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting	£	None	None
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		6	6

Nature of the expenses

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

Total amount paid	£	1,981	2,164

14. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£	235	225
Other fees (e.g.: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	None	None

15 Tangible Fixed Assets

Detail of assets held,
State number of manses, specifically reference other buildings managed by the circuit and separately identify property treated as investment property.
Provided summary information in respect of other categories and specific reference should be made in respect of any assets under construction

Cost or valuation

	Residential Land £	Other Land £	Six Manses £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward			673,780					673,780
Additions								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)								
Transfers * (+/-)								
Balance carried forward			673,780					673,780

Accumulated depreciation

**Basis			SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	
** Rate							
Balance brought forward							
Depreciation charge for year (-)							
Revaluations (+/-)							
Disposals (-)							
Transfers* (+/-)							
Balance carried forward							

Net book value

Brought forward	-	-	673,780	-	-	-	-	673,780
Carried forward	-	-	673,780	-	-	-	-	673,780

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.
** Indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, depreciation is based on the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, a percentage annual deduction is made each year.

16 Investments ***NONE***

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

		This year	Last Year
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange			
Investments held in common investment funds,			
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange			
Other investments			
	Total		

Change in investment values

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year			
Add: additions to investments at cost			
Less: disposals at carrying value			
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation			
Carrying (market) value at end of year			

17. Analysis of current assets

	This year	Last year
Debtors and prepayments	£	£
Pre paid Stipends	14,931	14,716
Accrued income		
Other debtors	3,542	4,744
Total debtors and prepayments	18,473	19,460

Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in HSBC Bank plc	47,354	36,378
Bank balance held in Methodist Chapel Aid		12,977
Bank balance held in (Name of bank)		
Total Cash and Bank	47,354	49,355

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors	£ 11,046	11,819
Other Creditors (Assessments received in advance)	£ 61,035	52,310
Total Current Liabilities	£ 72,081	64,129

19. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2021 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2021.

20. Loans ***NONE***

Source	Purpose of loan	Amount brought forward	New borrowings	Loan interest	Repayable in the year	Balance at year end
	Totals					X

Repayment due

									Totals
Due within 12 months	31/08/2022								
Due between 1 and 5 years	31/08/2023		31/08/2024		31/08/2025		31/08/2026		
Due later than 5 years									
									Y

Note: the two totals X and Y must agree

21. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
General	681,939	324,294	333,955	30,000	702,278	
Circuit Advance Fund	127,744	404	4,143	-30,000	94,005	
Totals	809,683	324,698	338,098		796,283	

Restricted Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Running Expenses	28,553	25			28,578	For reserve policy
Mission & Outreach	5,955	5			5,960	
Education Fund	3,703	3			3,706	
Totals	38,211	33			38,244	

Endowment Name	How the capital is invested	The current value of the capital	Annual income	What the income was used for
	Totals			

The reasons for the transfers between funds were as follows:

To replace funds expended on major repairs and refurbishment of three manses over the last two years

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signature of Treasurer	[signature]	Date	28 October 2021
Name of Treasurer	Keith Rothery		
Address	64 Thorpe Street, Burntwood, Staffordshire. WS7 1NJ		

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on 15th March 2022 and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting	[signature]
Name of the Chair of the meeting	Revd Nigel Young
Date	16 JUNE 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31st August 2021 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than as disclosed below*)

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(3) I have /~~have not*~~ obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date, via sight of bank statements and fund statements.

Name of independent examiner	Elaine Glover
Signature of independent examiner	

Relevant Professional qualification of independent examiner

A.C.M.A

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Haywood Accounting Solutions Ltd

Address

4 Coppenhall Mews, Coppenhall, Staffordshire. ST18 9BA

Date 14/04/2022

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CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

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Accounts

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

(Charity Registration No. 1136126)

Circuit No. 28/08

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year ended 31 August 2020

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Introduction

The Cannock Chase Circuit was made up of twenty churches on and around the geographical area in South Staffordshire known as Cannock Chase.

These churches are used primarily to provide places of Christian worship, education and fellowship for the people around those places. The buildings are also used to provide rooms for a variety of community activities.

Aims and organisation

The Circuit exists to worship God, serve our communities and grow our churches.

Review of the year

The world has seen unprecedented events this year because of the Covid-19 pandemic and Cannock Chase Methodist Church has been no exception. When the Government introduced a total lockdown from the 23rd March 2020 all our churches closed their doors for worship and all activities. Several of our churches offered worship by Zoom, a video conferencing service, or by YouTube or by telephone conference service.

All our churches remained closed until the total lockdown ended and then following the directions of the Government and the Methodist Church they began to look at re-opening of the buildings. A few churches began to open in a very limited way from September 2020.

Two ministers, the Rev Christopher Parkes and the Rev Margaret Slingo, left the Circuit in August 2019 and only one replacement was available. The Rev Margaret Eales joined the other ministers, who are Rev Nigel Young (Superintendent), Deacon Susan Culver, Rev Jacob Donkoh and Rev Edward Sakwe to continue the work in the Circuit.

To help compensate for being a minister down the Circuit now employs 4 Lay Pastoral Assistants, working a total of 80 hours per week.

The year started with 39 fully accredited local preachers on the Plan of which 24 are active but there were two deaths and one preacher moved to another circuit. There are two local preachers on trial, none on note and there are twenty-three worship leaders.

Under normal circumstances there is, across the Circuit, on average approximately 312 Sunday services each quarter. These services are, in the main, conducted by the Ministerial Staff, Supernumerary Ministers, Local Preachers and some visiting preachers. On occasions when there are insufficient preachers available then local arrangements have to be made.

In addition to Sunday Services several of the churches in the circuit hold midweek services which are seen as relaxed and informal and in many cases attract a wider congregation from across the denominations.

Many of our churches are on occasions using other forms of service than the "traditional" style, e.g. "Messy Church", "Cafe Church". These alternative styles attract people from a wider section of the local communities.

Most of our churches have mid-week activities such as Women's meetings, Men's groups, Bible study groups, Prayer meetings or House groups.

Youth work is maintained in many of our churches with Youth Clubs and uniformed organisations such as Boys Brigades, Girls Brigade, Brownies, Guides, St John Ambulance Cadets.

During the year Miss Ellyn Cruxton was employed as Church and Community Lay Worker for St Paul's and Handsacre churches. The total cost of this is being met by those two churches.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. Following a reduction in ministers the Assessments in the year 2019/20 was recalculated taking into account the changes of income and membership numbers of each church.

The manse at Dundalk Lane continues to be let and provides rental income to the circuit.

Expenditure trends

Stipends are increased each financial year in line with increases approved by the Methodist Conference. Stipends, national insurance and pension contributions were 52.5% of all expenditure.

19.6% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

£14,552 was spent on repairs and maintenance of the six manses

During the year the Circuit Meeting agreed to make several grants to churches to help with property improvements that they were undertaking. These are detailed in the notes to the account,

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2020 the net current assets of the Circuit were £174,114, giving approximately 6 months cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2020/21

A Budget for the year 2020/21 has been prepared but no adjustments have been made to the assessment figures and will not be made until we have a clearer picture of the effects of the lockdown on each of our churches.

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity:	Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit
Registration Charity Number:	1136126
Date of registration:	1st June 2010
Main communication address:	Mr Keith Rothery, 64 Thorpe Street, Burntwood, Staffordshire. WS7 1NJ

The members of the Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers	Rev Nigel J. Young	
	Deacon Susan Culver	
	Rev Jacob Donkoh	
	Rev Margaret Eales	(from 1st September 2019)
	Rev Edward Sakwe	
Circuit Lay Workers	Mrs Karen Lowther	
	Miss Ellyn Cruxton	
	Mr Mark Timothy	(from 1st April 2020)
	Ms Rosemary Bryant	(from 1st April 2020)
	Mrs Melody Jones	(from 1st April 2020)
Circuit Stewards	Mr Graham Lowther	
	Mr Neil Embrey	
	Mrs Kate Chapman	
	Mrs Barbara Brooks	
Administrator	Mrs June Scrimgeour	
Treasurer	Mr Keith Rothery who acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.	
Independent Examiner	Elaine Glover A.C.M.A. Haywood Accounting Solutions Ltd 4 Coppenhall Mews Coppenhall Staffordshire. ST18 9BA	
Investment Bankers	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

Aims and organisation

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around the Cannock Chase for the Methodist Church:

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit. local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.
The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee and the Circuit Policy Committee.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following 20 Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:

Bethel, Bridgtown	Bourne, Heath Hayes	Brereton
Burntwood	Cannock Wood	Chadsmoor
Chase Terrace	Chasetown	Featherstone
Florence St. Hednesford	Great Wyrley	Handsacre
Mill Street, Cannock	Penkridge	Salem, Cheslyn Hay
St Paul's, Rugeley	St Stephen's, Cannock	Trinity, Hednesford
Trinity, Norton Canes	Upper Landywood	

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committee with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Cannock Chase Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Cannock Chase Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to six months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit — Circuit No 28/08

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

		Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2019-20 £	Total 2018-19 £
Income									
1	Donations and legacies	4	680					**680**	**1,010**
2	Income from monetary investments	5	175	1,094		232		**1,501**	**1,621**
3	Income from investment properties	6	8,394					**8,394**	**9,167**
4	Assessments on Churches	7	315,540					**315,540**	**304,152**
5	Capital Receipts							**0**	**0**
6	Grants received							**0**	**0**
7	Other charitable income							**0**	**0**
8	**Total income**		**324,789**	**1,094**	**0**	**232**	**0**	**326,115**	**315,950**
Expenditure									
9	Grants and donations	8	9,300					**9,300**	**7,810**
10	Salaries and associated costs	9	203,406					**203,406**	**222,707**
11	Property maintenance		30,417					**30,417**	**45,990**
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy							**0**	**0**
13	District Assessment & Levy	10	63,367	4,048				**67,415**	**66,734**
14	Depreciation							**0**	**0**
15	Office expenses	11	5,381					**5,381**	**6,128**
16	Other outgoings	12	13,989	261				**14,250**	**19,883**
17	**Total charitable expenditure**		**325,860**	**4,309**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**330,169**	**369,252**
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0	0
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties								
20	**Net income/(expenditure)**		**(1,071)**	**(3,215)**	**0**	**232**	**0**	**(4,054)**	**(53,302)**
21	Transfers between funds							0	0
22	Other gains/(losses)								
23	**Net movement in funds**		**(1,071)**	**(3,215)**	**0**	**232**	**0**	**(4,054)**	**(53,302)**
24	Total funds brought forward		683,010	130,959	0	37,979	0	851,948	905,250
25	**Total funds carried forward**		**681,939**	**127,744**	**0**	**38,211**	**0**	**847,894**	**851,948**

Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit

Circuit No 28/08

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2020 £	Totals 2019 £
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	15	673,780					673,780	673,780
Investment properties							0	0
Investments	16						0	0
Total fixed assets		**673,780**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**673,780**	**673,780**
Current Assets								
Debtors	17	19,460					19,460	18,812
Loans by the Circuit		0					0	0
Investments with TMCP		2,412	127,744				130,156	133,371
Central Finance Board Deposits		1,061			38,211		39,272	75,329
Cash at Bank and in hand	17	49,355					49,355	32,609
Total current assets		**72,288**	**127,744**	**0**	**38,211**	**0**	**238,243**	**260,121**
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	18	64,129					64,129	81,953
Grants payable within 2019-20							0	0
Total current liabilities		64,129	0	0	0	0	**64,129**	81,953
Net current assets/liabilities		**8,159**	**127,744**	**0**	**38,211**	**0**	**174,114**	**178,168**
Total assets less current liabilities		**681,939**	**127,744**	**0**	**38,211**	**0**	**847,894**	**851,948**
Long term liabilities								
Grants payable after 2019-20							0	
Loans to the Circuit	20						0	
							0	
Net assets		**681,939**	**127,744**	**0**	**38,211**	**0**	**847,894**	**851,948**
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)	21	681,939					681,939	683,010
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	21		127,744				127,744	130,959
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds							**809,683**	**813,969**
Restricted Funds	21				38,211		38,211	37,979
Endowment Funds						0	0	0
Total Funds		**681,939**	**127,744**	**0**	**38,211**	**0**	**847,894**	**851,948**

Signed

Circuit Treasurer

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Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose . There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.
The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors relate to the payment of the September stipend in August.

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

4. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£		£	£	£
Donations	680			**680**	1,010
Legacies	0			**0**	
Total	**680**	**0**	**0**	**680**	**1,010**

5. Investment income	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£		£	£	£
Central Finance Board	56		232	**288**	396
TMCP	22	1,094		**1,116**	1,129
Other	97			**97**	96
Total	**175**	**1,094**	**232**	**1,501**	**1,621**

6. Income from investment properties.	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£
Rent received from the letting of the empty manse at 53 Dundalk Lane	**8,394**	9,167

7. Assessments	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£
Bethel, Bridgtown	**5,800**	4,826
Bourne	**10,840**	11,324
Brereton	**7,040**	6,954
Burntwood	**23,680**	20,330
Cannock Wood	**4,520**	4,864
Chadsmoor	**29,160**	25,992
Chase Terrace	**6,640**	7,448
Chasetown	**23,600**	21,964
Featherstone	**7,520**	6,959
Florence Street	**7,200**	4,555
Great Wyrley	**15,440**	14,972
Handsacre	**9,360**	8,284
Mill Street	**4,360**	5,206
Penkridge	**28,340**	24,548
Salem, Cheslyn Hay	**25,980**	22,306
St. Paul's	**29,600**	31,958
St. Stephen's	**34,060**	38,418
Trinity, Hednesford	**24,040**	26,828
Trinity, Norton Canes	**11,200**	11,248
Upper Landywood	**7,160**	5,168
Total	**315,540**	**304,152**

8. Grants and Donations	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£		£	£	£
Bourne, Heath Hayes	3,500			**3,500**	0
Chadsmoor				**0**	250
Featherstone	5,000			**5,000**	0
Penkridge				**0**	860
Salem Cheslyn Hay - Boys Brigade				**0**	150
Salem Cheslyn Hay				**0**	5,000
Open the Book Programme				**0**	200
Leaving Gifts	800			**800**	1,350
Total	**9,300**	**0**	**0**	**9,300**	**7,810**

9. Salaries & associated costs	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£
Ministers - Stipends	**128,151**	147,682
Pension Contribution	**33,426**	39,007
National Insurance	**11,615**	13,364
Lay Workers - Wages	**30,214**	22,654
Total	**203,406**	**222,707**
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	7	8

10. District Assessment & Levy	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£
Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District	**60,667**	60,069
URC Assessment	**2,700**	2,448
District Advance Fund	**4,048**	4,217
Total	**67,415**	**66,734**

11. Office Expenses	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£
Telephone and Internet	**3,435**	4,548
Printing, Postage and Stationery	**1,946**	1,580
	5,381	6,128

12 Other outgoings	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£
Travel Expenses - Ministers	**4,892**	**6,199**
Travel Expenses - Lay Workers	**2,164**	**4,200**
Supernumerary Preaching Allowances	**2,016**	**3,347**
Removal Expenses	**1,710**	**2,622**
Miscellaneous	**3,468**	**3,515**
	14,250	19,883

13. Payment to Trustees

		This year	Last year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting	£	None	None
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		6	6
Nature of the expenses			
Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs			
Total amount paid	£	2,164	4,200

14. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£	225	235
Other fees (e.g.: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	None	None

Tangible Fixed Assets

Detail of assets held,
State number of manses, specifically reference other buildings managed by the circuit and separately identify property treated as investment property.
Provided summary information in respect of other categories and specific reference should be made in respect of any assets under construction.

t or valuation

	Residential Land £	Other Land £	Six Manses £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
ınce brought forward			673,780					673,780
itions								
aluations (+/-)								
osals (-)								
nsfers * (+/-)								
ınce carried forward			673,780					673,780

umulated depreciation

**Basis			SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB		
** Rate								
nce brought forward								
reciation charge for year (-)								
aluations (+/-)								
osals (-)								
sfers* (+/-)								
nce carried forward								
book value								
ght forward	-	-	673,780	-	-	-	-	673,780
ied forward	-	-	673,780	-	-	-	-	673,780

ıe "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.
ıdicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, eciation is based on the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, a percentage annual deduction is made each year.

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16 Investments ***NONE***

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

		This year	Last Year
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange			
Investments held in common investment funds,			
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange			
Other investments			
	Total		

Change in investment values

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year			
Add: additions to investments at cost			
Less: disposals at carrying value			
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation			
Carrying (market) value at end of year			

17. Analysis of current assets

	This year	Last year
Debtors and prepayments	£	£
Pre paid Stipends	14,716	14,320
Accrued income		
Other debtors	4,744	4,492
Total debtors and prepayments	19,460	18,812

Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in HSBC Bank plc	36,378	19,729
Bank balance held in Methodist Chapel Aid	12,977	12,880
Bank balance held in (Name of bank)		
Total Cash and Bank	49,355	32,609

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors	£ 11,819	11,653
Other Creditors (Assessments received in advance)	£ 52,310	70,300
Total Current Liabilities	£ 64,129	81,953

19. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2020 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2020.

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). Loans ***NONE***

urce	Purpose of loan	Amount brought forward	New borrowings	Loan interest	Repayable in the year	Balance at year end
	Totals					X

payment due

									Totals
e within 12 months	31/08/2021								
e between 1 and 5 years	31/08/2022		31/08/2023		31/08/2024		31/08/2025		
e later than 5 years									
									Y

te: the two totals X and Y must agree

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21. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
General	683,010	324,789	325,860		681,939	
Circuit Advance Fund	130,959	1,094	4,309		127,744	
Totals	813,969	325,883	330,169		809,683	

Restricted Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Running Expenses	28,380	173			28,553	For reserve policy
Mission & Outreach	5,919	36			5,955	
Education Fund	3,680	23			3,703	
Totals	37,979	232			38,211	

Endowment Name	How the capital is invested	The current value of the capital	Annual income	What the income was used for
Totals				

The reasons for the transfers between funds were as follows:

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DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signature of Treasurer [signature] Date 21/10/20

Name of Treasurer Keith Rothery

Address 64 Thorpe Street, Burntwood, Staffordshire. WS7 1NJ

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on 22 MARCH 2021 and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting Revd Nigel Young

Date 10 JUNE 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2020

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31st August 2020 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than as disclosed below*)

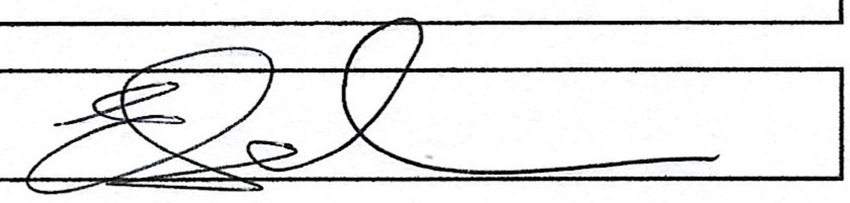
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(3) I have /~~have not*~~ obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date, via sight of bank statements and fund statements.

Name of independent examiner	Elaine Glover
Signature of independent examiner	

Relevant Professional qualification of independent examiner

A.C.M.A

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Haywood Accounting Solutions Ltd

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Date

23-4-2021

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